The public tank you want must wait until the State finances improve.

The shifting of the Parur District Court to Perumbavur must await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

Branches of the State Land Mortgage Bank will be opened later on after seeing how the business in the Bank here develops.

We have already granted remission of *kist* to arrack and toddy licensees for 1106 ; and the question of similar remission for 1107 is being considered.

No case has been made out, to my knowledge, for reduction of land tax.

127. Needs of Alwaye.

MR. K. A. HYDROSE (*Municipal Council, Alwaye*) first urged the need for appointing a lady doctor in the Alwaye District Hospital. This had been pressed at several previous sessions of the Assembly also but the request had not been complied with. Owing to the absence of a lady doctor many women were suffering hardship inasmuch as they were unwilling to disclose their diseases to men doctors. The matter should be attended to without further delay.

A Munsiff's Court at Alwaye was another long-felt want and a subject of frequent representation at the Assembly. The Alwaye *pakuthi* and the *pakuthies* surrounding it were now included within the jurisdiction of the Perumbavur Munsiff's Court which was miles away, the maximum distance between the court and the limit of its jurisdiction being 18 miles. If a Munsiff's Court be established at Alwaye it would afford greater facilities to the litigant public. If the opening of a court was not feasible, the local First Class Magistrate's Court might, be converted into a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court.

Floods were a frequent occurrence at Alwaye. At these times several people from places surrounding Alwaye took shelter at the town. But it was very inconvenient for the people of Alwaye to vacate part of their buildings for the use of these refugees. A poor-house should therefore be opened at Alwaye for the use of the destitute.

That drink is an evil is an accepted fact. It was not therefore proper for any civilised Government to grant permission to conduct sales in liquor, especially in towns. Although the shifting of the liquor shops from within municipal limits might result in loss of revenue, the loss was not serious considering the interests of the people. The view of the majority of the people was also this. The shops should therefore be removed outside the municipal limits without further delay.

In making nominations to the Alwaye Municipal Council, the Government used to consider the claims of minor communities. This practice was departed from in making the recent nominations by ignoring the claims of the Muslims. In the place of Mr. Haji Abdur Rahiman, the Government nominated a Saraswat Brahmin although

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there were two members from among the *Paradesa* Brahmins. The member requested that future nominations should be made on a communal basis according to the numerical strength of the communities and that the claims of the Muslims should be recognised by nominating one among them in the next vacancy.

A bridge across the Alwaye river was an imperative necessity. The Government had promised to commence this work, but it was not actually commenced. It should be taken up without further delay.

A branch of the Land Mortgage Bank should be opened at Alwaye. The object of the Bank was to encourage agriculturists and Alwaye was not backward in agriculture.

A municipal *satram* at Alwaye was a desideratum. During the hot season several people crowded at Alwaye. They were put to much hardship on account of the absence of a proper place to stay. A *satram* should be constructed without further delay.

The market landing and the landing place at the ferry crossing were much made use of by the traders for loading and unloading goods. But there were no masonry embankments or wharves at these places. To remove the inconvenience caused on this account, wharves with masonry embankments should be constructed at the landing places.

The Kadungallur pakuthi was nearer to Alwaye than to Parur. It would therefore be more convenient to the litigant public there to go to the Alwaye Panchayat Court than to the Parur Court. That *pakuthi* should therefore be included in the jurisdiction of the Alwaye Court and its monetary jurisdiction raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.

The public offices at Alwaye were located in private buildings on high rents while the whole of the P. W. D. staff were accommodated at the staff quarters on small amounts of rent. It would be advantageous to the Government to shift the public offices such as the Anchal Office, Panchayat Court, Sub-registry Office, Pakuthi Cutcherry, etc., to the P. W. D. staff quarters. The employees of the Public Works Department could get private buildings for hire.

A maternity and children's ward should be opened at the Alwaye District Hospital. Owing to the absence of such a ward, women in confinement were put to much hardship and inconvenience.

Alwaye was one of the chief commercial centres in the State. The mercantile and trading classes there should also be represented at the Assembly in the same way as the traders of Changanachery, Kayankulam and other places.

The vernacular primary school for girls at Alwaye should be raised to a middle school. Owing to the absence of a middle school, girls had to be sent to the boys' school or to other distant places. This was inconvenient to the pupils and their guardians. The girls' school should be raised to a middle school. If the existing building was not sufficient to accommodate a middle school, a new building should be put up for the purpose on the vacant site in front of the existing school building.

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The number of uneducated children was increasing day by day in the Alwaye town. In the interests of the future citizens of the State, it was not desirable to increase the number of illiterates. Compulsory primary education only would reduce their number and it should be introduced in the Alwaye Municipal town.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Hydrose, very many places want lady doctors; and Alwaye does not need it so much as others, because there is one near by at Parur.

The establishment of a Munsiff's Court must await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The construction of a house for the poor during flood should be done, I think, by the Municipality or by private philanthropists.

I have mentioned on many occasions the policy of Government with regard to temperance and prohibition. That must be gradual.

The Alwaye bridge, we all recognise, is very necessary. We will see if funds can be provided for it.

Branches of the Land Mortgage Bank can only be opened later. We must see how it works here.

The question of opening higher classes in the primary school for girls must wait, because of the present financial stringency. The construction of new buildings is receiving attention.

The question of establishing a Municipal *satram* will be considered.

Your request about the representation of the trading and mercantile classes in the Assembly will be considered when the Assembly is reformed as His Highness has promised.

The inclusion of the Kadungallur pakuthi in the territorial jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat Court at Alwaye, and the enhancement of its pecuniary jurisdiction will receive consideration.

The Chief Engineer says there is not enough room even to accommodate all the Public Works Department's staff in the existing buildings. So, there cannot be room for all the public offices.

In the hospital, there are 36 beds; and the average number of in-patients is only ten. There does not seem to be any necessity therefore for a separate maternity and children's ward.

The Municipality must undertake the work of constructing masonry embankments at the market landing.

It has been the policy of Government, so far, not to introduce any sort of compulsory education either in general or in respect to any particular community.

In regard to the question of the representation of the several communities of the State in the Alwaye Municipal Council, there are, at present, four nominated non-officials, and the principle followed is to nominate members from backward and unrepresented communities. Your community is represented by yourself.

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